has been reduced from 35 per cent to 20 per cent.

(b) and (c): The allocation of pig iron by Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel (DCI & S) for the Small Scale Units in the State of Gujarat is made only to the Gujarat Small Scale Industries Corporation.

Setting op of PIG Iron Plants in Private Sector

1478. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some major pig iron plants are proposed to be set up in the country in the rivate sector;

(b) if so, the places identified for the purpose in different States; and

(c) the details of their capacity and employment generation potentialities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c): Manufacture of pig iron is delicensed and subject to certain locational restrictions, Gov ernment approval is not required for the setting up of pig iron manufac turing facilities in the private sector. Accordingly it is for entrepreneurs to decide on various project para-metres like capacity, employment, location etc Government has is-sued a set of "Guidelines for Entrepreneurs in ron and Steel Industry" in October 1992. These Guidelines have inter-alia identified the following possible sites in various States for pig iron manufacture:—

Sites	State
1. Purulia .	West Bengal
2. Raigarh .	Madhya Pradesh
3. Bilaspur .	-do-
4. Raipur . .	-do-
5. Durg . . .	do-
6. Daitari . .	
7. Pipavev	Gujarat
8. Bhavnagar	-do-
9. D. hg	-do-
10. Kudal	Maharashtra
11. Mangalore	Karnataka
12. Goa	Goa

It has been emphasised in the Guidelines that this is only an indicative list. The choice of the site is left to the best commercial/economic judegment of the entrepreneurs who would need of undertake detailed feasibility studies before taking a final decision.

Footpath Dwellers in the Country

1479. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the estimated number of footpath dwellers in the four major cities of the country.

(b) whether Government have drawn a plan to provide them shelter and other basic facilities, if so, the details therof; and

(c) whether Government propose to make these schemes self-supporting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THF MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The enumeration of houseless population is done at the time of census operations. The data on houseless population according to 1991 census is not yet available. How-